

An Introduction to the Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs and Assistance

The Indiana NRCS Programs Staff prepared the enclosed information. The intent of this document is to serve as a very broad-based guide to several key programs administered or serviced by NRCS. This guide was designed primarily for new NRCS employees. However, experienced employees may also find it useful as an everyday reference.

This guide does not attempt to include all available program information and details, nor does it cover specific Agency or Department policy or rules on implementation of the various programs. For more details on a specific program refer to the manuals and websites cited in each section of this guide. For policy guidance, contact your supervisor or refer to the General Manual, Bulletins, Instructions, or Memos.

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